

Great Basin Mercury Workgroup January 16-18; Reno Nevada

Hosted by Nevada Dept. of Env. Protection and University of Nevada Reno

Approximately 50 people attended:

- Representatives from Air and Water Programs in: Nevada, Idaho, Utah, EPA Regions 8, 9, 10
- Government & University Researchers
- UNR Students

Topics included:

- Sediment Analysis for Mercury
- Air Monitoring in the three member states
- Air Modeling issues including;
 - Regional Modeling Efforts,
 - Model Validation,
 - Emissions Data Gathering,
 - Fugitive Emissions,
 - Dry deposition
- Fish Tissue sampling programs in the three member states
- Snow Pack Analysis for Mercury
- Mercury Cycling & Fate in Aquatic Ecosystems (Mercury Methylation)

Summary:

- ❖ Predominant discussions were about air monitoring both wet and dry deposition and modeling
- ❖ Established a working group aimed at researching mercury in reservoirs (fish tissue) within the 3 member states
- ❖ Next steps still being defined by members